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REMARKS

Applicant has amended this application in response to the office action. The Macy reference is nothing more than the prior art. There is a shape in the keeper portion, which the examination is alleging would be a force-applying surface. However, as is clear from the figures, the tongue extends far above this surface, and the surface that the examiner alleges would be a force-applying surface (surface 18) would not perform that function in any easy manner. As set forth in the amendments to claims 1, 6, 7 and 9, the position of the force-applying surface and the tongue as now recited cannot be met by Macy. The tongue is not lower than the "force-applying surface" as required by claim 1. The "force-applying surface" does not cross the portion of the body where the tongue is found, as required by claims 6 and 7. The features of claims 9-12 are not shown at all.

Allowance of all claims is in order and requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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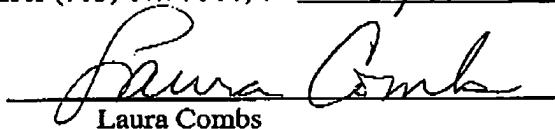
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